Time: 1944, Place: Fort Neal, Louisiana

THE CAST (In order of appearance)

Technical Sergeant Vernon C. Waters.....Carlos Waters
Captain Charles Taylor.....Michael Keenan
Corporal Bernard Cobb.....Don Allen Phillips
Private 1st Class Melvin Peterson.....Emmanuel Weston
Corporal Ellis.....David Contee
Private Louis Henson.....Clifton Montgomery
Private James Wilkie.....Brandon Graves
Private Tony Smalls.....C.J. Waters
Captain Richard Davenport.....William Paul Brown
Private C.J.Memphis.....Sean Hatcher
Lieutenant Byrd.....George Caruth
Captain Wilcox.....Jack Burnett

Carlos Waters was born and raised in Panama city and served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force before retiring at Shaw AFB. He decided to take to the stage after being inspired by his wife, Gwen and his son, C.J. who have performed with SLT for a number of years. He is grateful for the support of family and friends. He offers special thanks to director, Eric Bultman for this opportunity to experience the magic of theatre and to Gwen for running lines and bringing out the best in him.

Michael Keenan is from the Philadelphia area and has lived in Sumter since 1999 by way the Shaw AFB. He has been involved in theatre since high school and has performed in productions at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania and the Backstage Theatre in Breckinridge, Colorado. Michael has two lovely daughters, Jenna and Juliet and has been Desktop Analyst at Prisma Health Tuomey for 16 years. He enjoys swimming, movies, and always spending time with his daughters.

Don Allen Phillips has performed in several productions at SLT. He appeared as Four-Eyed Mo in Five Guys Named Mo, as Lyons in Fences, and as a Cagelle in La Cage Aux Folles. He has been a dancer with The Freed Spirits for 25 years. He is a Sumter native who recently graduated with honors from Claflin University. He is thankfull for all the love and support offered by the SLT family!

Emmanuel Weston is performing in his second production with SLT. He appeared earlier this season in *Plaza Suite* and performed in a production of *Deliver My Dysfunction* by local writer/director Nita Rose West in Columbia, SC. He is an active member of the South Carolina Air National Guard. Emmanuel is 24 years old and single.

David Contee is a first-timer on the SLT stage. He is from Columbia, SC and graduated with a degree in Communications. After a stint in Chicago, he returned to SC in 2015 and now works at Buffalo Wild Wings. When not working he enjoys keeping up with Soccer.

Clifton Montgomery is a Theatre Major at USC Sumter with a passion for acting. He has appeared in four productions and this is his first time on the SLT stage. Clifton is a local Real Estate Agent.

Brandon Graves is a regular at SLT, appearing onstage four times and playing in the band for three of our musicals. He performs with the Sumter Community Band, volunteers at the Sumter Opera House, and teaches Chorus at Hillcrest and Ebenezer Middle Schools. He extends his appreciation to Director, Eric Bultman for bringing this show to the SLT stage and to Rodney and Benjamin for always being supportive.

C.J. Waters has been involved with SLT since he was 8 years old. He attends Sumter High School and participates in both Drama and Choir. He is thankful for the opportunity to work with this amazing cast. Especially, his dad.

William Paul Brown is thrilled to appear in his 8th production with SLT. His previous roles include; Dr. Martin Luther King in The Mountaintop, Tray in Fences, and most recently, Norman Hubley in Plaza Suite. William thanks his family and friends for their unwavering support. He dedicates his performance to those who have served the United States with honor and distinction and to those who selflessly fight for liberty and justice for all.

Sean Hatcher is a proud member of the United States Air Force stationed at Shaw. He was raised in Georgia and, as a military child, has lived all over the world. He enjoys gaming, watching anime, and spending time with his wife and children.

George Carruth joins the SLT family for the first time in this production. He teaches Theatre at his Alma Mater, Wilson Hall. He studied theatre at the College of Charleston and has extensively trained and performed in New York and Virginia. He is proud to be working with this cast. He extends his thanks to Eric, Michael, Sylvia, and Erik for building this production.

Jack Burnett is an up and coming actor on the SLT scene. This will be his sixth show with us and he is looking forward to being in our season finale of Jesus Christ Superstar. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR.....Eric Bultman
STAGE MANAGER.....Erik Sperber
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....Michael Leone
PROPERTIES/COSTUMES .....Sylvia Pickell
SET CONSTRUCTION.....Michael Leone, Erik Sperber, Michael Duffy
SET PAINTING.....Kendall Jones
SOUND & LIGHT TECH.....Michael Duffy

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